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Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Young (US 6,567,011). It is respectfully submitted, however, that these claims are now patentable over Young for the reasons set forth below.

Page 3 of the Official Action explains operation of Young after the "mode" key and "magic" key are depressed. Once in the test mode, the remote control can store a particular sequence of keys. The remote control behaves in a certain manner after specific keys have been depressed.

Applicants' invention, as recited by claim 1, includes a feature which is neither disclosed nor suggested by the art of record, namely:

...store indications of which of said contacts are detected as not closed, and

transfer said indications of said contacts detected... as not closed to said transmission circuit.

This feature is described in the originally filed application at page 6, lines 22-26. No new matter has been added.

While Young behaves in a certain manner if certain keys are depressed, Young neither discloses nor suggests the ability to detect that contacts have not closed. This feature allows the ability to detect a contact malfunction. As this feature is neither disclosed nor suggested by Young, claim 1 is patentable over Young.

Claims 5, 9, and 10, while not identical to claim 1, are also patentable over the art of record for reasons similar to those set forth above with regard to claim 1.

Claims 11 and 12 are newly added and are supported by the originally filed application at page 6, line 22 through page 7, line 12. No new matter has been added.

The dependent claims are also allowable by virtue of their dependency on allowable independent claims.

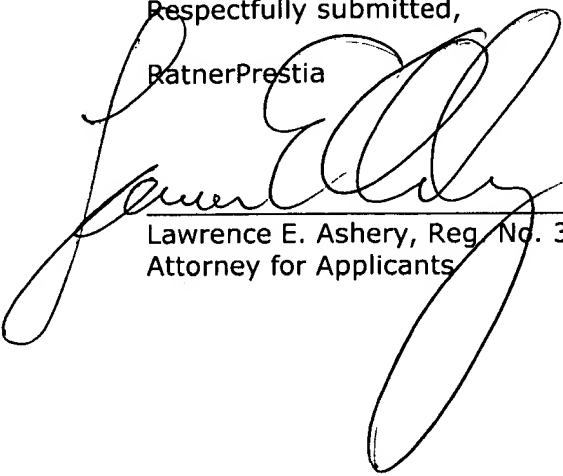
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In view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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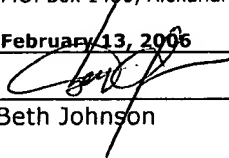
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